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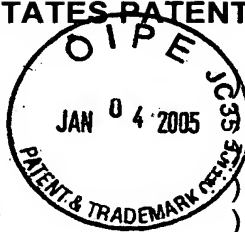
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Jerome Pierrard et al.

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DECLARATION ON BIOLOGICAL DEPOSIT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Deborah H. Yellin declare as follows:

1. The cultures, referenced in the above-captioned patent application as RPA-BIOCAT 1016 (Accession No. CBS 101940), BIOCAT 1017 (Accession No. CBS 101941), BIOCAT 1019 (Accession No. CBS 101942), BIOCAT 1021 (Accession No. CBS 101943), and BIOCAT 1022 (Accession No. CBS 101944) were deposited on June 16, 1999 at the depository Centraalbureau Voor Schimmelcultures (CBS), Ossterstaat 1, P.O. Box 273, 3740 AG Baarn, The Netherlands, as a permanent deposit and will be made available to the public in accordance with the regulations set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.806. A copy of the receipt document reciting the terms of deposit is attached hereto.

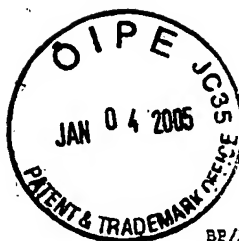
2. It is further declared that the applicants acknowledge their duty to remove all restrictions on the dissemination of the deposited cell line upon the issue of a patent arising from the present application. The applicants have accepted the responsibility to replace the cell line if the deposit with the CBS should die or be destroyed and have paid the fee for the patent-related deposit services.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the instant application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: January 4, 2005



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Accession number given by the
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CBS 101940

II. SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION AND/OR PROPOSED TAXONOMIC DESIGNATION

The microorganism identified under I above was accompanied by:



a scientific description



a proposed taxonomic designation

(mark with a cross where applicable)

III. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE

This International Depositary accepts the microorganism identified under I above, which
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IV. RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR CONVERSION

The microorganism identified under I above was received by this International Depositary
Authority on not applicable (date dd-mm-yy of the original deposit) and a
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Mrs F.B. Srippe-Claus

Dr. J.A. Stalpers

Date (dd-mm-yy): 22-06-99

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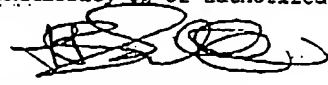
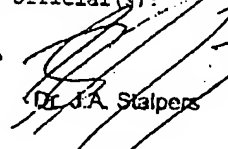
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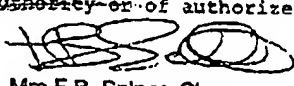
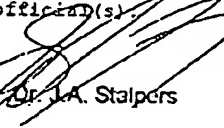
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II. SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION AND/OR PROPOSED TAXONOMIC DESIGNATION	
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III. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE	
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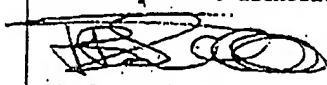
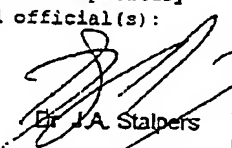
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III. VIABILITY STATEMENT	
The viability of the microorganism identified under II above was tested on 22-06-99 2. On that date (dd-mm-yy), the said microorganism was <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> ³ viable <input type="checkbox"/> ³ no longer viable	

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IV. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE VIABILITY HAS BEEN PERFORMED ⁴	
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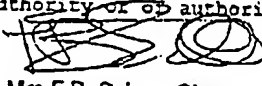
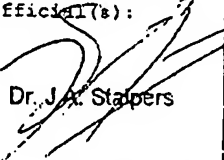
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II. SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION AND/OR PROPOSED TAXONOMIC DESIGNATION	
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III. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE	
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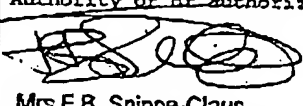
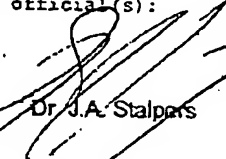
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III. VIABILITY STATEMENT	
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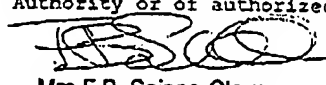
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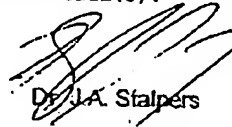
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III. VIABILITY STATEMENT			
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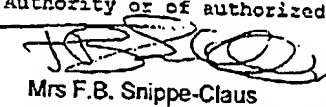
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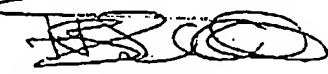
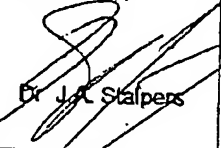
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